

## ABSTRACT

A method and system for sending articles through a postal mailing system. A combination of database technology with postal mailing systems and methods of mailing articles to avoid mail fraud and ensure proper delivery of articles to be mailed. Also a  
5 combination of database technology with mailing systems and methods thereto to permit the activation or deactivation of an identifier so that a mail carrier would know whether postage charges will be honored. The method may include associating the addressee with an identifier, and enabling the identifier for use in a postal system. In yet another embodiment, the combination of modern database technology with mailing systems and methods thereto  
10 allows tracking of information associated with a variety of mailings, such as timing, location, response ratios, etc.